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SUBJECT: URGENT AMTRAK NEED FOR WOOD RR CROSSTIES

RE: A. USDOC 18752

B. OTTAWA 2893

1. DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE (ITC) OFFICIAL FROM INDUSTRIAL MINERALS DIVISION OF THE RESOURCE INDUSTRIES AND CONSTRUCTION BRANCH, TELEPHONED EMBASSY DECEMBER 5 TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER AMTRAK INTERESTED IN CONCRETE RR TIES. WE RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY, AS REF. A STATED ALTERNATE MATERIALS ACCEPTABLE.

2. ITC OFFICIAL (JOHN EMERY) STATED THAT CON-FORCE COSTAIN CONCRETE TIE COMPANY LIMITED, P.O. BOX 398, CALGARY, ALBERTA, TEL. 403-265-6550 (RESPONSIBLE COMPANY OFFICIAL MR. JOHN WHITE), INVOLVED IN JOINT VENTURE WITH COSTAIN UK AND IS STARTING PRODUCTION OF PRECAST CONCRETE TIES IN WINNIPEG. (EMERY SAID CN RAILWAYS HAS PLACED ORDER FOR 300,000 CONCRETE TIES WHICH ARE BEING FABRICATED IN MONTREAL BY FRANCON.) EMERY TOLD EMBOFF THAT WHITE WOULD TELEPHONE J.K. LYONS OF AMTRAK, WASHINGTON DIRECTLY.

3. EMERY WISHED TO MAKE CLEAR TO EMBASSY THAT IT
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WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO SEE AMTRAK CONSIDER

ENTERING INTO A "FAIRLY LONG-TERM CONTRACT" WITH
CON-FORCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF CONCRETE TIES,
PARTICULARLY AS CON-FORCE JUST NOW GETTING INTO
OPERATION IN WINNIPEG.
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